



**Sacramento Regional Meeting
California Biodiversity Council
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 23, 2003**

Federal Building
650 Capitol Mall
Stafford Conference Room 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Council Business

*Welcome and Introductions

*Council Announcements

*Executive Committee Report - Chris Nota, Executive Committee Chair

*Field Trip Summary - John Brodie, Watershed Coordinator, San Joaquin
Resource Conservation District

**9:30 am Update on California Watershed Council (CWC)
Martha Davis, CWC Co-Chair**

How the State is working with the watershed community to improve collaboration and services for watershed management and protection.

**9:45 am Watershed Group Successes and Challenges
Moderator: Allen Harthorn, President, California Watershed Network**

Watershed group will discuss their efforts to protect and manage watersheds, and what additional partnerships and services are needed to meet their objectives.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Governmental and Non-Profit Organization Services to Watershed Groups that Enhance Local Watershed Efforts

Moderator – Cathy Bleier, Special Assistant, California Resources Agency

Federal and State agencies and non-profit organizations will summarize the major services provided to watershed groups and how state services are allocated. Grant programs, technical assistance and organizational and capacity building training are some of the items being discussed

- State Water Resources Control Board: Ken Coulter, SWRCB Watershed Coordinator
- California Department of Water Resources: Stefan Lorenzato, State Watershed Coordinator
- California Department of Fish and Game: Helen Birss, Fisheries and Restoration Grant Program Manager
- Natural Resources Conservation Service: Luana Kiger, Special Assistant to the State Conservationist
- 4 Sake of Salmon: Deb Merchant, Watershed Program Manager
- Sustainable Conservation: Bob Neale, Senior Project Manager
- Sierra Nevada Alliance: Joan Clayburgh, Executive Director

11:45 am Ways to Enhance Coordination and Services for Local Watershed Protection –Council and Panel Discussion

How can we coordinate agency, and non-profit organizations' services to improve the effectiveness of local watershed protection efforts?

What types of new partnerships or arrangements could be established to improve services during budget and staffing shortfalls?

12:30 pm Final Comments and Adjournment